

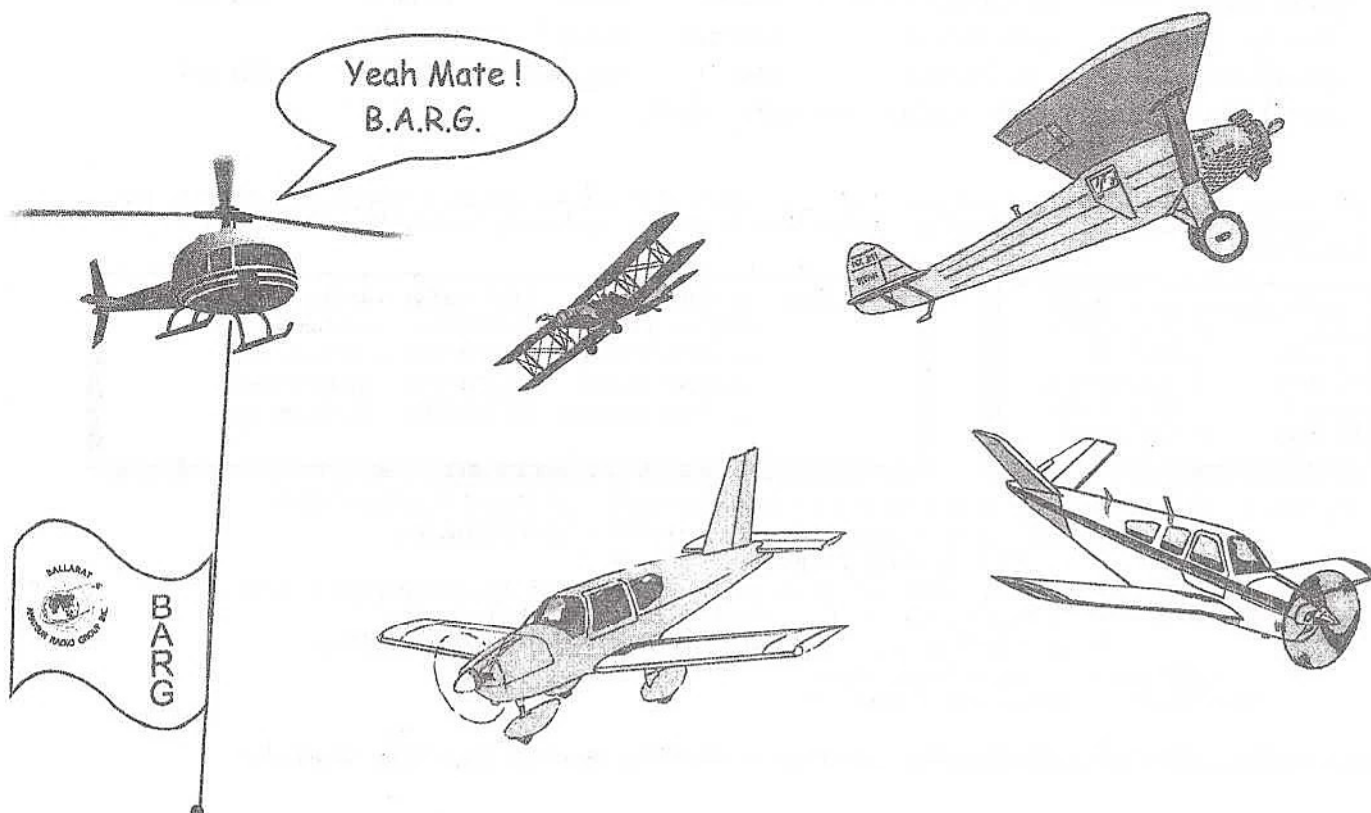
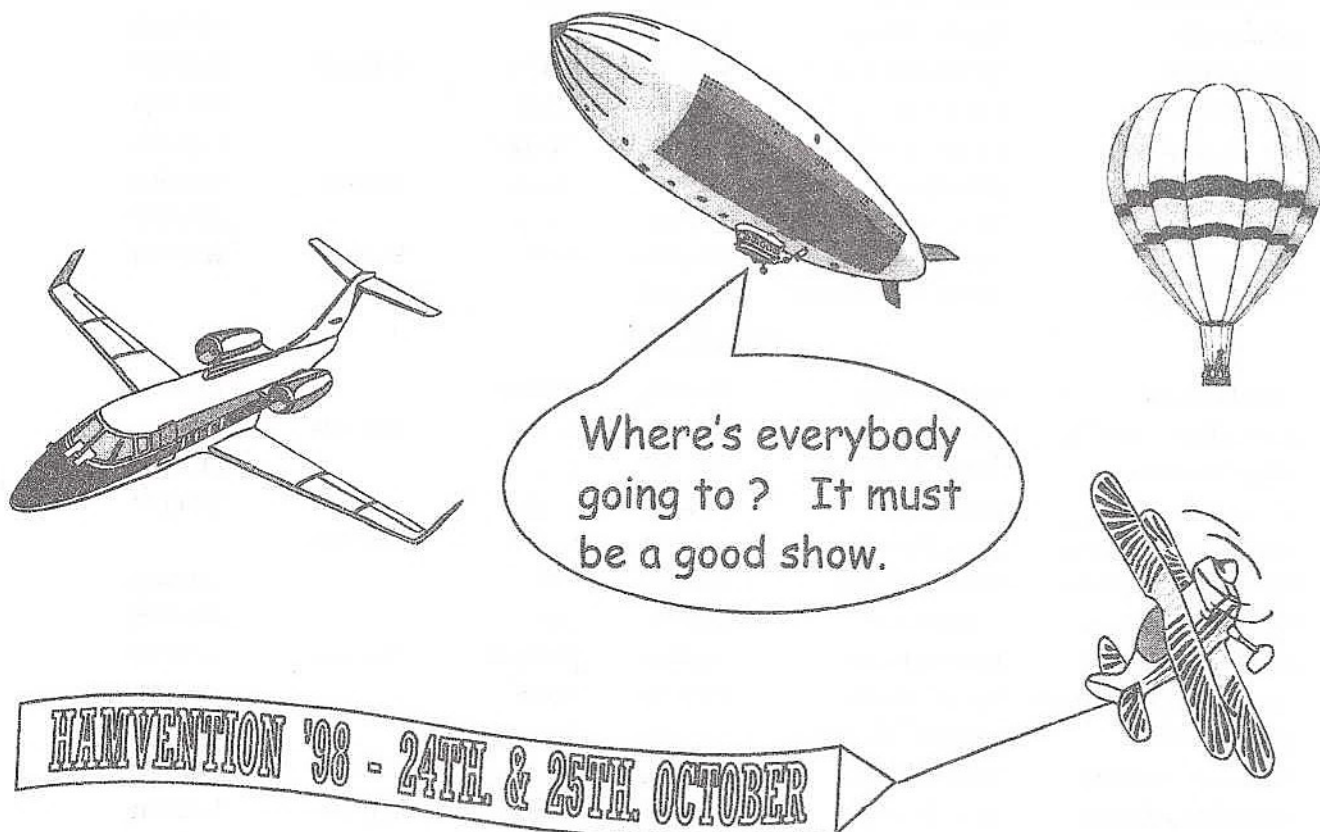


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## OFFICE BEARERS - 1998 / 1999

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| AMENITIES COMMITTEE   | BETTY - SHIRLEY - SHELAGH - MARY. |        |         |           |              |

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#### LIFE MEMBERS OF BARG.

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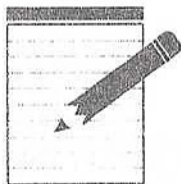
#### REPEATERS

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| VK3RBA ( Voice)  | 146.750 MHz. - Mt.Buninyong.   |
| VK3RBS ( Voice)  | 146.900 MHz. - Smeaton Hill    |
| VK 3RPC (Packet) | 144.750 MHz. - Mt. Warrenheip. |
| VK3RBU (Voice )  | 438.475 MHz. - Mt.Hollowback.  |
| VK3RMB (Beacon)  | 432.535 MHz. - Mt.Buninyong.   |

**ACTIVITIES** CLUB NET: Thursday nights at 8 pm. (8.30 pm during Daylight Saving). Freq: 3.610 MHz +/- QRM.  
 2 METRE SCRAMBLE: Sunday Nights at 7.50 pm. Freq: 146.425 to 146.600 MHz. Inc,  
 Call back held on VK3RBA 146.750 MHz.  
 Logs monthly to D.Quirk - P.O. Box 78 - Newstead 3462 (or Meeting) to qualify.  
 MEETINGS: General Meeting : Last Friday of each month (except December) at 8.00 pm.  
 Venue: Club Rooms - Ballarat Airport - Unit 31 - Off Learmonth Road - Ballarat.  
 FOX HUNTING: As arranged during the year.  
 HAMVENTION : 24 th & 25 th. October 1998.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE to: The Secretary - BARG Inc. Box 1261 Mail Centre Ballarat 3354





# *The Minutes*



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th AUGUST 1998**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS 28/8/1998**

The AGM for the 1998/9 period opened at 8.02 pm. with President Mary VK3FMC warmly welcoming all, and extending Best Wishes to those unable to attend due to illness.

**APOLOGIES** were then called for and tendered on behalf of the following members..

VK3's BNC, XDQ, HWK, NIZ, JEM, KAY, AAP, PRJ, PAP, Kathy, GMM, and AWM.

It was moved by Reg VK3CAZ and Seconded by Tom DMK that they be accepted.

**MINUTES** of the AGM held on the 25th July 1997 were read and confirmed.

Moved by Gordon VK3FGC Sec. Reg VK3CAZ

**BUSINESS FROM MINUTES** – Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Referred to General Meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** was circulated to each member present by Treasurer Murray VK3AAI.

It was then moved by Murray VK3AAI and seconded by Ian VK3CIS that the report be accepted as presented. - Carried.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Annual Subscription remain as is. (\$25.00) for the next financial year. Moved by Murray VK3AAI and seconded by Tom VK3DMK.

**PRESENTATION:** of Certificates by President Mary VK3FMC for performance in BARG weekly Scramble.. Certificates were awarded to:

VK3CAZ – Reg Carter.

VK3XDQ – Daryl Quirk.

VK3FMC – Mary Curnow (Earth Stake Award)

President Mary then gave a summary of the years activities and expressed appreciation for the support shown during the past year. She then declared all offices vacant.

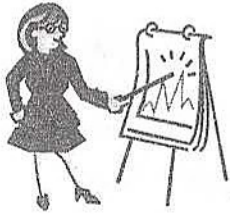
**RETURNING OFFICER:** Gordon VK3FMC was requested to assume this role and under Articles of Constitution accepted nominations for vacancies.

**ELECTION:** As the received nominations corresponded with the number of vacancies, new Officers were elected unopposed for 1998/99. (See attached list.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That our Auditors be thanked for their effort, and that Jeff VK3LU and Bud VK3AAP be appointed to audit BARG Financial Records for 1999. Moved VK3FGC Sec. VK3CAZ

**INCOMING PRESIDENT:** Members were elated at Mary's acceptance of the Presidency for a second term and showed their unanimous support. with violent and loud acclamation. Many thanks to our "First Lady" for a great year.

Mary was then presented with a Certificate and a sheaf of flowers recognising her first term of office. Well Done.



# *The President Reports .*

**A**nother A.G.M. has been and gone, but my flowers are still being enjoyed – many thanks.

We welcome Bob VK3BNC to the committee ( it is good to see the Vice-Presidents position filled) and we also welcome David VK3AMC, a new face on the committee.

One thing noticed at the AGM is that as time progresses the attentiveness of members increases. It is only after noses begin to twitch that one realises that eyes are transfixed on the pie warmer. Oh Well ! I guess priorities do need to be placed in the right order.

These last few months of the year will be very busy with JOTA on Saturday October 17th., the all important Hamvention on October 24th and 25th. , and the yet to be confirmed involvement with the "Cops and Kids" in November. Our application to the Rotary Club of Ballarat South for Raffle tickets was successful. If we are to profit from this venture the support of all members will be appreciated.

It is hoped to visit the Fire Control Centre at Melbourne Airport in November. More details will be forthcoming at the September and October meetings.

73 de Mary VK3FMC.

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## PLEASE NOTE

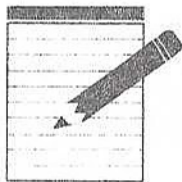
### GUEST SPEAKER September Meeting

John Hazeldine  
VK3CFH  
speaks about his recent  
overseas trip.

### HELP WANTED

A WORKING BEE  
will be held at the  
BARG CLUBROOMS  
Sunday 27th September





# The Minutes



## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH. AUGUST 1998

Well here we are again. 8.42pm and another Meeting to begin the New Year. Congratulations President Mary. It's great to see you in the chair again.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Clem VK3BVI and seconded by Neil VK3KQQ that the minutes as circulated be accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Out – Ballarat C.C. Airport Submission.  
Cards Pat Foley  
Helen Cornell  
Wendy Keall  
Ballarat Sth. Rotary club re Raffle.  
In – Various Mags. – AR & QST.  
Newsletters – Illawarra, FAMPAC, WANSARC, SDARC.  
Ballarat Sth. Rotary Club – Raffle Books.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Annes Flower Basket - \$25.00  
Ballarat City Council - \$150.00  
Moved for Payment by VK3AAI seconded VK3DCS.

**REPORTS: HAMVENTION** – September Meeting for Jobs.  
Hoping for extra traders.  
Table enquiry from Clem – “Big and Strong”!!!  
Raffle tickets for Hamvention !!

Tnx Tom.

**QSL's** 233 cards out 115 in for 97/98

Tnx Daryl.

**NEW MEMBERS** Welcome to Michael VK3AUR and Chris.  
Great to have your company fella's.

**NET:** Least number for some time. 6 this week. Tnx Clem  
Boys/Guys from the West back on HF.  
Antenna troubles – Down side up !! Tnx Dick.

**SCRAMBLE:** The “gloves” are off. Look out ionosphere. Tnx Reg.

**WICEN:** 6 days in November – International Enduro. !!

**AMMENITIES:** Changes in direction !! Mowing Roster. BBQ Tools. Memorial Rose Garden  
(Propagation Material arrived), Paint Radio Room. Project Room.

**AIRPORT REPORT:** Draft proposal reply sent to BCC. – Public Meeting Oct. 7pm.

**FUND RAISING:** Club Assistance Raffle – Yes. (50 raffle books) Sausage sizzle – No.

**PROGRAMS:** \* JOTA – 17th / 18th October. To run on both sites – Sebas and Mitchell Park HF/VHF  
\* “Youth Group” Re Sgt. John Maloney. 2nd weekend in November.  
\* Member Chat – Tell us about YOU !!  
\* Trip to Tullamarine Soon.

Meeting closed at 9.37 pm.

Next meeting September 25th. 8pm.

Have a great month – 73 de Geoff VK3ADB  
Email – smith@sebas.vic.au

\* Wow what a supper. Lets get at it. Should be an AGM every month.

**FINALLY:** Doctor people keep ignoring me !  
Next !

## 75 YEARS AGO (Ballarat Courier 18/9/98)

The weather forecast by wireless seems strange but true. The Ballarat Radio Club last night, after an address by Mr Matthews, arranged a receiving set which later picked up a weather forecast from the station at the Domain in Melbourne. A concert broadcast by an Amateur in Melbourne was also heard.

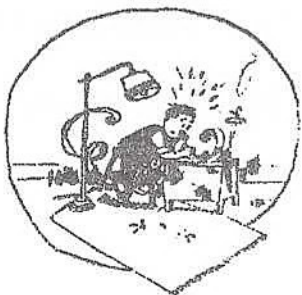


# From the "Olden Days"

THE EDITORIAL PAGE FROM "AMATEUR RADIO" APRIL 1939

Thanks to George VK3DS

*Amateur Radio*



## EDITORIAL

### FEDERAL CONVENTION

Melbourne will be the venue of a large number of Hams at Easter, for the Federal Convention which will be held over the holiday period will be the excuse, if one were needed, for a first class "hamfest". On Easter Saturday night the Victorian Division will hold its annual dinner, at which the guests will include Mr Malone, the Chief Inspector of Wireless, and other members of the Radio Inspectors Department, as well as the delegates from the various divisions. If you have not already made arrangements to spend your holidays in Melbourne this Eastertide, we suggest you can certainly be promised a right royal time if you can possibly make this trip.

### R.A.A.F. RESERVE W/T SEC.

We understand that enrolments in the reorganised R.A.A.F. Wireless Reserve are pouring in from all over the country. If you have not sent in your application and are desirous of joining, do not delay or you may be too late. As we mentioned in this column last month, membership in the Wireless Reserve offers a wonderful opportunity for Amateurs who are not already serving in another branch of the Forces to join a unit composed solely for radio amateurs. In brief, the qualifications are physical fitness, enthusiasm, and a reasonably high standard of operating ability.

The Editorial of QST for February gives one food for serious thought.

Every Ham, no matter how dumb, knows the fact that a radio transmitter is a potential lethal machine, yet hardly one of us has not at some time put our hands into the "vitals" with the power turned on. Many of us have boasted of having received "so many hundred volts shock". We have all laughed at the "wisecrack" of measuring high voltage on the basis of a hundred volts for every foot the jolt throws you. It is all very funny until something serious happens and the thing that really gets under the skin in the case cited in QST is that the power pack that killed W9VYU was not the big high voltage pack, but merely the speech amplifier supply. Many who read and grieved over the tragic news of the loss of Ross Hull felt "of course he hadn't a chance. It was a high-voltage pack, thousands of volts".

True, but this case is one where a combination of circumstances likely to be met in any Ham's activity caused death from 500 volts.

Some of the power supply arrangements in our transmitters are excellent, some are fair and some are frankly courting disaster. Admittedly we are not permitted to use sufficiently high power to require power supplies running to outputs of thousands of volts, but few of us indeed do not possess a 500 volt power supply.

If, on reading of that tragedy mentioned, you did not go out to your shack and look your own transmitter over to see what its safety possibilities or otherwise were, we suggest you do so now and take with you, as we have done, that phrase from QST - "Get Safety Conscious - ALWAYS BE CAREFUL."

1st April 1939.

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### FACTS OF LIFE

A DIPLOMAT is someone who can tell you to 'go to hell' and makes you feel happy to be on your way.

A TRULY WISE MAN does not play 'leap frog' with a Unicorn.

IF at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

NOTHING in the known universe travels as fast as a bad cheque.

WOMEN would rather have beauty than brains, because men can see better than they can think.

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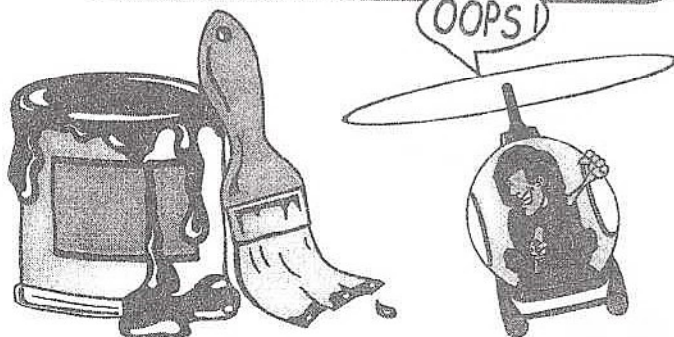


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see Paul Bruty - VK3BWC

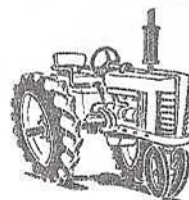
104 Skipton Street Ballarat  
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*The Paint Specialists  
who will assist you  
with all of your  
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B.A.R.G. is indebted to Paint Right for their help with the supply of paint for the Airport Clubrooms. You may like to support them when you next "slap on a bit of paint".

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73 Bell VK3PH



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Wool Pavilion

24th & 25th October 1998

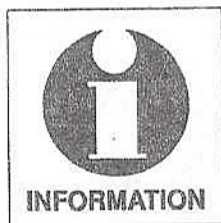
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## COMING EVENTS.

Friday 25th September – General Meeting – John Hazeldine VK3CFH

Sunday 27th September – Working Bee. – Clubrooms.

Saturday 17th October – JOTA

Friday 23rd October General Meeting – Note: Brought Forward from 30th Oct.

Sat./Sun. 24th & 25th October – Hamvention 98.

Sunday Nights. 2M Scramble - 6.50pm. 146.425 to 146.600 MHz.

Thursday Nights- Club Net - 3.610 MHz. - 8pm ( 8.30pm in Daylight Saving)

4th. Wednesday each month -WICEN Training nights.

Thursdays 2 pm – Daytime get together – Clubrooms.

First Thursday each month – Amenities sub-committee meet.

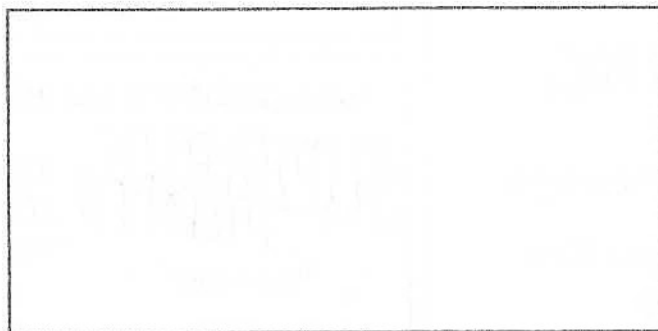
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